



APPENDIX OF CLAIMS AS-AMENDED

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Sub 2/1 (Amended). A floor covering panel comprising a top side, at least two opposite edges including coupling elements made in one piece with the panel and arranged so that several ones of such panels can be mutually coupled to form a floor coupling, said coupling elements arranged to enable an interlocking of the coupling elements between panels in a direction perpendicular to a plane including the panels, as well as in a direction perpendicular to the respective edges and parallel to the plane including the panels, and wherein these coupling elements are configured so that the panels can be rotated into or out of one another at least along said opposite edges, and wherein said panel is a laminated construction including at least an MDF/HDF core layer and a panel decorative layer above the core layer;

said coupling elements are formed in one piece with the core layer and define tongue and groove interlocking elements;

a cut-away bevel adjacent said at least two opposite edges, and intersecting said top side, said cut-away bevel penetrating and exposing an edge area of said panel decorative layer and said core layer when viewed from the top side of the panel; and

a decorative bevel covering layer on the area of the cut-away bevel masking said exposed edge areas, said bevel covering layer being a separate layer apart from said panel decorative layer.

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Sub 2/3 (Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein each bevel extends at an angle of 45° in relation to the plane including the panel.

cont. Sub 2/4 (Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 3, wherein each bevel, in the plane of the respective panel, extends over a distance of about 2 millimeter.

Sub 2/6 (Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the coupling elements when coupled between ones of said panels, are disconnectable at least in one additional manner other than rotation relative to the coupled edges of the panels.

7(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the panel is rectangular and said bevel is provided on all four sides of the panels.

04 8(Amended). A floor covering panel comprising a hard panel formed of laminated construction and including a core upon which is provided a panel decorative layer, said panel being rectangular and elongated and including coupling elements at least on two opposite longitudinal edges of the panel, such that several ones of such panel can be mutually coupled to one another, wherein said coupling elements are arranged to enable an interlocking in a direction perpendicular to a plane including the panel, as well as in a direction perpendicular to the respective opposite edges and parallel to a plane including the panel, and wherein the coupling elements are configured such that individual panels can be coupled and/or uncoupled with similar panels by means of rotation motion about cooperating opposed longitudinal edges of the panels, and wherein the width of the panel (2) is smaller than 17 cm.

9(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 8, wherein the panel has a length which amounts to at least eight times the width of the panel.

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10(Amended). A floor covering panel comprising a laminated structure including an MDF/HDF core layer, said core layer including an upper core surface and opposed core edges, a panel decorative layer on the upper core surface, a cut-away bevel having a bevel area formed on at least one of said edges and extending through the panel decorative layer, wherein said bevel area of each said bevel is also provided with a bevel decorative layer separate from said panel decorative layer covering the core and decorative layers exposed by the bevel.

11(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 10, wherein the bevel decorative layer provided on each said bevel area comprises a print.

12(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 11, wherein said print is a transfer.

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14(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 10, wherein the panel decorative layer of the top core surface comprises a paper layer printed with a pattern.

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15(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 14, wherein the bevel decorative layer represents a print on each bevel area, and wherein this print is provided with a pattern similar to the panel decorative layer.

16(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 10, wherein the bevel decorating layer on each bevel is a moisture-proof, impermeable layer.

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17(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 2, wherein each bevel extends at an angle so that the plane including the bevel does not intersect the contour of the respective edge section of the panel at which the bevel is provided outside of the bevel area.

18(Amended). A floor covering panel comprising a laminated hard construction having an MDF or HDF based core and a bottom side, wherein the panel is separately provided with an underlayer attached to the bottom side, said underlayer being polyethylene or polyethylene based material.

20(Amended). The floor panel covering according to claim 1, wherein the panel has a minimum thickness of 9 mm.

21(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the panel has a minimum thickness of 10 mm.

22(Amended). The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein at least on a plurality of said opposite edges, said coupling elements made in one piece with the panel are provided, such that several ones of such panel can be mutually coupled to form a floor covering, said coupling elements configured to be interlocking in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the panel, as well as in a direction perpendicular to said edges and parallel to a plane including the panel, said coupling elements having a combination of two or more configurations selected from the group consisting of:

the coupling elements are provided on each panel, which is rectangular and has two pairs of opposite edges, and wherein said coupling elements are provided on both pairs of opposite edges;

at least for a plurality of said opposite edges the coupling elements are configured and arranged so that ones of said panel may be assembled according to one of the following procedures:

at least by shifting the panels towards one another while they are located generally in a common plane;

exclusively by shifting the panels towards one another while they are located generally in a common plane;

at least by rotating the panels along a respective set of opposite edges;

exclusively by rotating the panels along a respective set of opposite edges;

by shifting the panels towards one another in a generally common plane as well as by rotating them relative to each other;

at least for a plurality of edges, said coupling elements are arranged to enable uncoupling of coupled ones of said panel according to any of the following procedures:

at least by shifting the panels out of one another in a direction perpendicular to the edges;

exclusively by shifting the panels out of one another in a direction perpendicular to the edges;

at least by rotating the panels along the respective edges;

exclusively by rotating the panels along the respective edges;

by shifting the panels out of one another in a direction perpendicular to the edges as well as by rotating them relative to each other;

the tongue and groove interlocking elements comprise

a lower lip which defines the bottom side of the groove, as seen from a cross section of the panel, and said lip extends past an upper lip of the panel, and wherein the locking device comprises parts on said lower lip defining the bottom

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side of the groove on the one hand, and of one or more portions of the bottom side of the tongue cooperating with the latter on the other hand;

are made such that when two of such panels are freely shifted towards one another in a generally common plane, the tongue is automatically introduced into the groove; and when interlocked, the tongue and groove interlocking elements are coupled substantially without any play.

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